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EXAMINER

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/323,765	06/01/1999	MARK D. SCOTT	259.006US1	9616
TITLE OF INVENTION: ANTIGENIC MODULATION OF CELLS				

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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Extension is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/323,765

Examiner

ROBERT C. HAYES

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the BPAI decision filed 9/27/10.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,18-21,28,22,23,13,14,31,24, now renumbered as 1-12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f)
 - a) ☐ All ☐ Some ☐ None of the
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17 2(a)).
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

/ROBERT C. HAYES/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1649

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

- I. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Board interpreted "the further crosslinking of the *graft copolymer forms a highly stabilized, immunoprotective coating of water-soluble polymer about the treated cell* (FF 2 on pg. 3 of the decision), that

"[t]he resultant *covalently crosslinked network is significantly more stable* than the ionically *attached graft copolymer*. Thus the *immunoprotective properties* conferred upon the cell by *absorption of PLL-PEG on its surface* are no longer transient as may be expected through an ionic interaction, but are *permanent due to the formation of intermolecular and intramolecular covalent crosslinks formed with the PLL-PEG*" (FF 3; pgs. 3-4 of the decision)

and that "[t]his causes *crosslinking of the copolymer on the surface of the cell resulting in the immunoprotective layer* (FF 4; pg. 4 of the decision) as not showing covalent attachment of Desai's or Francis' nonimmunogenic polymers (e.g. PLL, PEG, TmPEG, etc.) to a cell surface, which then would necessarily block the antigenic determinants normally present on the "treated [surface of a] cell" through either direct bonding to the antigenic sites' carbons, oxygens or hydrogens, or due to steric hinderance (pgs. 4 & 6 of the decision); even though carbons, oxygens and hydrogens in DNA and protein (i.e., as it relates to pages 19 & 23-24 of Appellants' Brief), and in "acrylate groups on the graft copolymer..." (c.g., as it relates to FF 3 on page 3 of the BPAI decision), etc. are not uniquely reacted in DNA or intramolecularly "to each other" (i.e., as it relates to covalent bonding caused by UV crosslinking or "free radical polymerization"), but alternatively and globally form covalent bonds wherever the appropriate carbons, oxygens or hydrogens are available for covalent bonding (i.e., at the undefined and generic antigenic sites that necessarily fully cover each and every cell "on its surface"). It is further noted that arguments related to how product-by-process limitations are examined in

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product claims (i.e., as it relates to different covalent bond formation methods using the same nonimmunogenic TmPEG polymers, etc) were not addressed by the Board.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Robert Hayes whose telephone number is (571) 272-0885. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ali Salimi, can be reached on (571) 272-0909. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

/ROBERT C. HAYES/, Ph.D.
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1649
April 6, 2011